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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: : GROUP ART UNIT: 1655

RYUICHIRO KURANE ET AL :

SERIAL NO.: 09/556,127 : EXAMINER: FREDMAN

FILED: APRIL 20, 2000

FOR: METHOD FOR DETERMINING A CONCENTRATION OF TARGET NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES, NUCLEIC ACID PROBES FOR THE METHOD, AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING DATA OBTAINED BY THE METHOD

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

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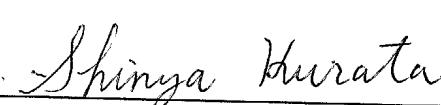
Now comes Shinya KURATA who deposes and states:

1. That I am a graduate of Shimane University at Matsue city and received my Master degree in the year 1993.
2. That I have been employed by Kankyo Engineering Co., Ltd. for 10 years as a researcher in the field of biotechnology.
3. That I am an inventor of 09/556,127 and am familiar with the prosecution history thereof.
4. That the experiments described in my Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132

executed on January 22, 2002 and filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 28, 2002 identifies one of the fluorescent dyes as "TMR", which is BODIPY TMR.

5. That the undersigned petitioner declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information are believed to be true. Further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

6. Further deponent saith not.


Signature Shinya KURATA


Date June 7, 2002

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